

CATTLE ON FEED

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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on March 1, 2005, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2004 and 6 percent above March 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.52 million, 6 percent below 2004 and 8 percent below 2003. This is the second lowest placements for the month of February since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.45 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 277,000, 600-699 pounds were 308,000, 700-799 pounds were 526,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 412,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.63 million, 4 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of February since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 76,000 during February, 10 percent above 2004 and 7 percent above 2003.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2004-2005 ¹**

State	Mar 1, 2004	Feb 1, 2005	Mar 1, 2005		
			Number	as % of 2004	as % of Feb
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	295	325	322	109	99
CA	500	525	515	103	98
CO	1,020	1,060	1,040	102	98
ID	265	*270	250	94	93
IA	405	465	465	115	100
KS	2,390	2,420	2,370	99	98
NE	2,270	2,350	2,320	102	99
NM	112	129	125	112	97
OK	335	350	340	101	97
SD	210	205	210	100	102
TX	2,690	2,720	2,690	100	99
WA	185	190	185	100	97
Oth Sts	310	330	320	103	97
US	10,987	*11,339	11,152	102	98

* Revised.

¹/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2004-2005**

State	During Feb 2004	During Jan 2005	During Feb 2005		
			Number	as % of 2004	as % of Jan
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	27	27	23	85	85
CA	56	59	49	88	83
CO	155	175	175	113	100
ID	43	37	33	77	89
IA	61	77	57	93	74
KS	390	475	360	92	76
NE	350	425	315	90	74
NM	16	18	13	81	72
OK	47	55	48	102	87
SD	43	41	32	74	78
TX	350	425	340	97	80
WA	26	30	32	123	107
Oth Sts	48	41	46	96	112
US	1,612	1,885	1,523	94	81

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head

